

HOLDEN-PARRAMORE NEIGHBORHOOD
Bounded by South Lee Avenue and West South Street
Orlando
Orange County
Florida

HABS FL-545
FL-545

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Location: The Holden-Parramore Neighborhood is located within an area that was historically the center of the African-American community in segregated Orlando, Florida. First settled in the late-1800s, this area was platted to the west of Orlando's downtown core.

Significance: This neighborhood reflects the development and evolution of Orlando's African-American community during the first half of the twentieth century. As mitigation stipulated within the Memorandum of Agreement for the Interstate-4 improvements, several groups of contiguous historic resources within the Holden-Parramore Neighborhood were selected for documentation as they are illustrative of intact historic housing in the neighborhood.

Description: Two groups of resources within the Holden-Parramore neighborhood were selected for documentation. The first area consists of thirteen houses located on the north side of West South Street, between South Lee Avenue and Jaxco Place, and the west side of South Lee Avenue, between West South Street and West Jackson Street. The second area consists of seven buildings located on the northwest corner of West Anderson Street and South Lee Avenue and the southwest corner of Randall Street and South Lee Avenue.

Within these groups in the Holden-Parramore Neighborhood, three representative buildings were documented including: 446-448 South Lee Avenue (HABS No. FL-546), 800 Randall Street (HABS No. FL-547), and 817 West South Street (HABS No. FL-548). These houses represent simple Frame Vernacular dwellings constructed for low- to median-income single- and multi-family use. More detailed descriptions of the buildings are provided in their separate HABS photo data sets.

History: The Holden-Parramore neighborhood of Orlando, Florida is an area that was once the segregated African-American section of the city. First settled in the 1880s, the Holden-Parramore neighborhood was platted to the west of Orlando's downtown core. This neighborhood, along with the Callahan neighborhood to the north, formed the heart of the African-American community. The predominant building types within the neighborhood were low- to median-income single- and multi-family Frame Vernacular dwellings. Although the area has undergone many changes since the 1940s, the Holden-Parramore neighborhood presently remains a mostly African-American neighborhood. The construction of the East-West Expressway and Interstate-4 and the demolition and deterioration of historic resources have disrupted the physical cohesiveness of the neighborhood.

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